

## JAN FENWICK LOS ALTAN OF THE YEAR

The Los Altos Town Crier staff selected Jan Fenwick as the Los Altan of the Year - as a model of leadership and generosity. Jan is known as a goodwill ambassador throughout the community.

Jan has resided in LAH since 1987 and served 12 years as a Director of the Purissima Hills Water District.

Jan is the wife of former LAH mayor and city council member, Bob Fenwick.



Jan Fenwick  
The Los Altan of the Year

Jan once taught 4th and 5th grades in the San Carlos School District. Over the years, she maintained her interest in the environment by serving for over 30 years with the Environmental Volunteers, a Palo Alto organization that helps children understand wildlife and nature. She often attends the Westwind Earth Day Celebrations with a collection of small stuffed animals to demonstrate their habitats.

There is never a task too small or an event too large that Jan and Bob don't open their beautiful ridge top home to help celebrate. Their gracious hospitality and enthusiastic support for non-profits and community events has no equal.

Congratulations to Jan Fenwick as the Los Altan of the Year!

## LOS ALTOS HILLS GOES SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING

Los Altos Garbage Co. has provided encouraging statistics on increased recovery of recyclables when communities go to single-stream recycling, which allows the residents to commingle their paper and glass recyclables. Commingling recyclables may seem counter-intuitive but by making it easier for residents to recycle, single-stream recycling programs show a net increase in recycling material. BFI's state of the art reprocessing plant at Newby Island, Milpitas can only recover about 90% of the material collected by using single-stream recycling, a 5% decrease from the older non-commingling collection methods. However, single stream recycling increases the tonnage of recyclables recovered by residents by about 20 - 30%, therefore resulting in an overall increased tonnage recycled. The biggest problems are fibrous or stringy waste, shredded paper from paper shredders, Styrofoam "peanuts," clamshell-packing material, plastic bags, and plastics other than those marked #1 - #7. These waste products either cannot be separated out effectively, jam up the automated recycling process or cannot be used in recycling. (Plastic bags can be recycled if placed in single clear bags and secured so individual bags don't get out and gum up the mechanical separators.)

Los Altos Hills residents currently recycle about 60% of their total refuse, which is above the average of about 50% for the state. Single stream recycling should help residents to increase this and make Los Altos Hills a notable standout community for recycling.

— Jay A. Shideler, Member  
LAH Environmental Initiatives Committee



## Tragic Death of Cyclist During Storm

On January 1, 2006 during the height of a rain and windstorm a huge Eucalyptus tree was uprooted and a branch fell onto a passing bicyclist, Daniel Plummer who was instantly killed. The event occurred on Natoma Road near the intersection of Black Mountain Road.



Natoma Road

Plummer was a 39-year-old research scientist and a member of the Team Spine, a Northern California amateur road racing team. His riding partner, Eric Saltzman was riding ahead of Plummer when the accident occurred.

Funeral services were conducted in Plummer's hometown of Walpole, Massachusetts during the week of January 2nd.

### City Takes Action on Eucalyptus Trees

Many roads in the Hills were blocked as a result of fallen trees.

The city council is taking action to assess the current vulnerable trees in the Hills and to look at developing further action plan for managing Eucalyptus trees.

## Open Space Committee WILDLIFE SURVEY

More than 380 LAH residents returned the wildlife survey sent out in December by the Open Space Committee. More than half of respondents volunteered additional detailed information about wildlife they see in their neighborhood. "We were thrilled by the level of interest and thoughtfulness that people showed in their responses," says Roger Spreen, Committee Chair.

The survey asked residents how often they see deer, coyote, bobcats and foxes, primary users of wildlife corridors in LAH. Deer are seen daily by 80% of respondents who live west of Interstate 280 and 17% who live east of 280. Sightings of coyotes, bobcats, and foxes are rare on both sides, although two-thirds of respondents have seen them at least once. A summary will be published on the Town web site.

The survey is part of the Wildlife Corridor project to identify significant wildlife corridors in the Town, and the information provided by residents will help the ecology consultants (Live Oak Associates) hired by the Town to validate their fieldwork and mapping. Thanks to everyone who sent in a survey!

The Committee is still accepting wildlife surveys. Pick up blank surveys at Town Hall or call 650-815-8286 to have one sent to you.

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